1991 (अक्तू-बर तक)	58.519 कि. ग्रा. सोना	2,50,08,050/–रु०	175	2074
	1152.434 कि. ग्रा. चांदी	83,61,010/–रु०		
	486.037 कि. ग्रा. चरस	18,94,935/–रु०		
	भारतीय करेंसी	32,26,097/–रु०		
	विदेशी करेंसी	19,082/–रु		
	अन्य विविध	39,49,006/–रु०		
	जोड़ :	4,24,58,180/–रु०		

Security measures along North West and North East regions

1243. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHAN-DRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what security measures have been taken by Government to prevent mass scale infiltration of terrorists in the North West and North East regions of the country and also through the South East vulnerable sea Coast ;

(b) what are the concrete measures taken by Government to deploy more effective forces in these vulnerable areas;

(c) the steps Government have tak n to strengthen vigil in these areas; and

(d) wht assistance Government have granted to the State Government of Tamil Nadu to strengthen its guard in its East Coast ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) With a view to preventing infiltration in Northwest and North-East regions of the country, the border f. rce have bee.n strenghened both in force, and in equipment and weaponry. Vigil has been increased. Border fencing and lighting is being done in specified areas. Patroll-ing/nakas has been intensified. Observation post towards have been erected for better observation and mobile patrolling on jeepszmotor-cycle has been introduc-ced for increased vigilance, effective surveillance and quick reaction. To prevent seabrone ingress of anti-national elements and the smuggling of arms and ammunition in Tamil Nadu through the Palk Bay and it is environs, the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard are maintaining heightened surveillance in the area through a multi-tiered approach in close coordination with shore-based states and Central Agencies.

(d) Government of Tamil Nadu has been given financial assistance by way of grants-in-aid for opertions against militants. Arms and ammunition have also been made avaialble to the State government.

Damage to Eabri Masjid

1249. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA :
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 31st October, 1991 "Kar Sewaks" of Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad scaled the mosque dome of Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya and hoisted saffron flags thereon and damaged the structure;

(b) if so what are the deails thereof J

(c) What action Goverment have taken or propase to tane to save the Babri Masjid from being demolished;

(d) whether such attempts has also been made in 1990; and

(e) whether Government had prior information in this regard; and if so, the reasons for not taking necessary preventive steps in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (e) According to information available with the Home Ministry, on 31-10-1991, some persons

climbed over the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure and hoisted flags on the domes and some persons going for 'darshan' of the deities caused some damage to the outside of the outer wall of the structure. The damage was reported to be done through 'Trishuls' carried by these persons. Folloing this incident, the State Government tightened the security and regulatory measures. The Central Government's concern regarding the protection of the disputed structure has been brought to the notice of the State Government with the request that suitable arrangement be made for its safety. This matter was also discussed at length in the meeting of the National Integration Coucil held on 2-11-1991. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh gave a categorical assurance to the Council that the StateGovernment wouldhold itself full responsible for the protection of the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masji structure.

In 1990 also minor damge was caused to the structure on October, 30 when some persons hiosted flags on top of the structure after breaking through the police cardon.

ONGC drilling ship

1250. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Badrinath", a drilling ship of ONGC stationed in Bay of Bengal was caught in the cyclonic Strom;

(b) if so, the details there of ; and

(c) what are the details of losses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'Badrinath' a drill ship contracted by ONGC came under the influence of cyclonic storm in Bay of Bengal from 13th to 15th November, 1991. The initial eflberts to evacuate the ONGC personnel on baord were not successful due to severe sea conditions, but on the 15th evening they could be rescued with the help of abidisopter hired by ONGC.

ONGC have initiated action to provide safety messures on the rig to avoid any major disaster in such situations.

(c) There was no loss of life or property.

Grass root refineries

1251. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what are the details of proposals for expanding grass root refineries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDI TIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : There are proposals to expand existing refineries at Koyali, Barauni, Cochin, Digboi, Bongaigaon, Madras and Guwahati. These proposals are in various stages of approval/implementation.

Dealership for LPG etc.

1252. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have discontinued the distribution of dealership for LPG and petroleum products;

(b) whether Government have stayed/ withiheld the implementation of some letter of intent issued earlier from the the discretionary quota ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) if not, the number of letters of intents issued during January-June, 1991 and honoured so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL. GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) For a review of such allotments

(d) Question dow not arise.